25.7.4.6 Director recommended 2 projects by linking them with 2 projects sanctioned earlier circumventing the need for fresh proposal.

25.7.4.7 Project was sanctioned to the VO without any project proposal by linking it with an earlier project which was also evaluated by the same Director and without registration certificate, bye-laws of the organisation, list of villages etc.

25.7.4.8 Project was sanctioned to a Bihar based VO on the basis of favourabler funding report of the Monitor which was found non-existent.

25.7.4.9 3 organisations which were working under one individual were sanctioned projects.

25.7.4.10 Funds were released in 3 installments between June 1993 to December 1993 without receipt of progress reports.

25.7.4.11 Projects were sanctiond to a VO on the basis of prefunding report prepared by Council's own Director who vouched the credibility of the VO during his personal visit of Bihar.

25.8 Pariodical progress reports/ completion reports were not obtained as a result 92% of the projects were found to be shown as incomplete though 95% of the projects sanctioned were of a short duration of 6 months to 1 year.

25.8.2 "Nexus between officials of the Council including monitors in cheating, forgery, criminal conspiracy and misappropriation of Government funds".

Allocation of funds to Uttar Pradesh for construction of roads

1662. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocation to Uttar Pradesh for construction of roads during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of villages in Azamgarh, Mau and Mujaffarnagar districts of Uttar Pradesh which have been connected by roads; and

(c) the number of villages in Azamgarh, Mau and Mujaffarnagar district likely to be connected by roads?

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(a) a total amount of Rs. 1,790.57 Crores was allocated to Uttar Pradesh for construction of roads during the last three years, i.e., Rs. 416.46 in 1995-96, Rs. 498.01 in 1996-97 and Rs. 876.10 in 1997-98.

(b) and (c) Roads in a State subject. The State Governments are responsible for the construction and maintenance of roads. The Government of India does not monitor the district-wise coverage of villages connected by roads.

Amount released to Assam for RD Projects

1663. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been given by the Central Government to Assam Government in 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, upto 28th February, 1999 for projects to be taken up under D.R.D.A., like J.R.Y., M.W.S. and E.A.S.;

(b) the amount spent by the D.R.D.A., Silchar in respect of above schemes during the same period;

(c) whether Government are aware of misappropriation of funds and corrupt practices indulged into by D.R.D.A., Silchar; and